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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION CASE: CONVERSATION
WITH AMBASSADOR BARROS

1. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR BARROS GAVE LUNCH SEPTEMBER 6 FOR
VISITING CHILEAN MINISTER OF HEALTH COLONEL CARLOS
JIMENEZ, IN WASHINGTON BRIEFLY TO SIGN RURAL HEALTH LOAN
FROM IDB.

2. AFTER LUNCH BARROS DREW CHILE DESK OFFICER STEVEN
ASIDE FOR LENGTHY PRIVATE CONVERSATION. HE EXPRESSED
DEEP CONCERN OVER BOTH TIMING AND METHOD OF TRANSMISSION
OF EXTRADITION REQUESTS. DELIVERY ON SEPTEMBER 11, 18-
19, OR 21 WOULD ALL HAVE OBVIOUS NEGATIVE POLITICAL
IMPLICATIONS IN CHILE AND WOULD BE READ BY THE GOC AS
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CALCULATED POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE. STEVEN SAID
WE WERE AWARE OF THE DELICACY OF THE TIMING AND WOULD
TAKE HIS RECOMMENDATION INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THE
EXTRADITION PAPERS WERE READY FOR DELIVERY. BARROS ALSO
RECOMMENDED THAT THE PAPERS BE SENT BY PROFESSIONAL
DIPLOMATIC COURIER RATHER THAN BY ANY EXTRAORDINARY
MESSENGER. FYI. THE PAPERS WILL BE CARRIED TO CHILE BY

REGULAR PROFESSIONAL COURIER, WHO WE ESTIMATE WILL LEAVE
WASHINGTON FOR SANTIAGO ON MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 11.
ARRIVAL WILL BE CONFIRMED TO YOU BY TELEPHONE. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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